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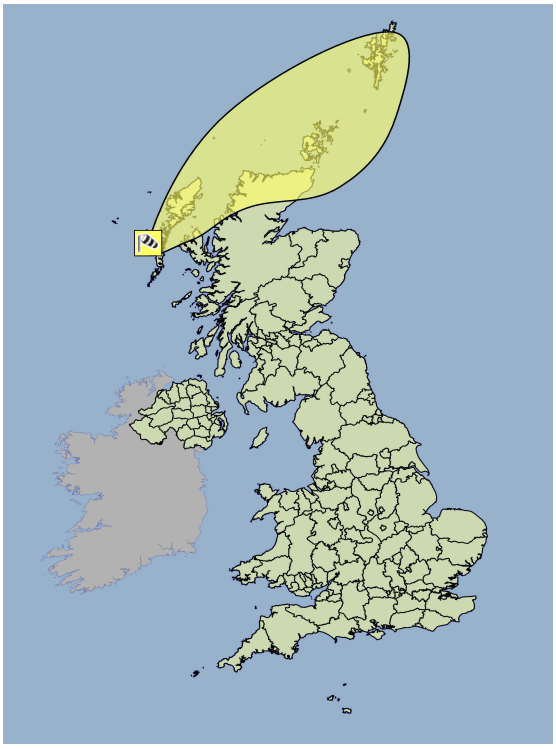

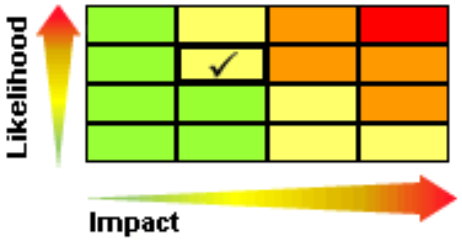

Chief Forecasters Assessment
A fairly deep area of low pressure will move east between Shetland and the Faeroes on Thursday morning, and gales and severe gales on its southern flank will affect parts of northern Scotland for a time.

It is also worth noting that whilst not in the warning area gusty conditions and local gales are expected to affect the Central Belt of Scotland and areas to the lee of high ground in eastern Scotland and northeastern England from the early hours of Thursday through the morning rush hour before winds start to ease later in the morning or during the early afternoon. This may lead to impacts such as traffic restrictions on some bridges and present a hazard to high-sided vehicles on north-south routes.

While wind strengths will not be unusual for the time of year, this will be the first severe gale of what has been a quiet autumn so far.

The Met Office have issued a **Yellow Warning** of **Wind**

Valid from **01:00 on Thu, 22nd Oct 2015** until **18:00 on Thu, 22nd Oct 2015**

Southwesterly winds will strengthen to gale or severe gale force in the early hours of Thursday morning, before veering westerly during the day. Gusts will reach 55-65 mph quite widely within the warning area, while over Orkney and the North Coast of Sutherland and Caithness, they may reach around 70 mph for a time. The gales will gradually ease from the west during the afternoon.

Please be aware of the risk of some minor disruption to travel, for example to ferry services, while driving conditions may also be difficult.

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